Discontentment amongst ONGC Employees

1791. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI N. G1RI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is mass discontentment amongst employees of ONGC for alleged "misuse and abuse of the concept of modernisation" by indiscriminate contracting and sub-contracting of regular and permanent jobs leasing of equipment etc. to Private companies; and

(b) if so, the details and steps taken to examine their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b). Office bearers of the Association of Scientific and Technical Officers (ASTO) of ONGC observed one day's hunger strike on September 1, 1993 in addition to wearing of black badges by their Member Officers. The Office Bearers of ASTO also observed dhama on September 20, 1993 at New Delhi Office of ONGC.

Some of the unions observed Mass Casual Leave on November 19, 1993. But the proppsed strike of November 23, 1993 was averted at the intervention of Minister of State (Petroleum and Natural Gas).

A series of meetings had taken place between representatives of ONGC Management and ASTO as well as unions. This has led to mutual appreciation of each other's point of view and the Management's and Government's stand in the matter.

The matter is still under discussion with the employees' representatives on one hand and the ONGC Management on the other.

Decline in Production by Oil India

1792. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: the Minister of PETROLEUM NATURAL GAS be pleased to st

(a) whether it is a fact that th India Ltd. has been showing gr decline in production since it declared a Public Sector Undertak

(b) if so, what are the re therefore; and

(c) what measures Goven propose to take to improve performance of Oil India Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SA SHARMA): (a) to (c) Oil product! Oil India Limited has increased 12.71 MMT during VI Plan peri 12.89 MMT during VII Plan period targetted production during VIII period is 16.59 MMT.

Specific targets are fixed every through Memorandum of Understa: to achieve the plan-wise prod targets. Oil India Limited has several short term and medium measures to improve the prod levels.

Allocation of Natural Gas to Products in Gujarat

1793. SHRI VITHALBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister PETROLEUM AND NATURAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governmen Gujarat has requested to allocate i gas for the power projects in Guj

(b) if so, the decision taken tl and the quantum of natural gas available from the offshore gas fielc

(c) what is the quantity o allocated to Gujarat for power pn

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM NATURAL GAS (CAPT. *SA*